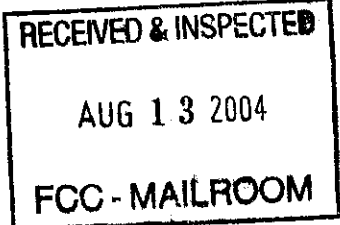




# Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO



July 29, 2004

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington D.C. 20554

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

**RE: Ex Parte Notice**

**MB Docket Nos. 02-277, 01-235, 01-317, 00-244**

**In the matter of 2002 Biennial regulatory Review—**

**Review of the FCC Broadcast Ownership Rules and other rules adopted pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 including cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations, rules and policies concerning multiple ownership of radio and television broadcast stations in local markets, dual network ownership restrictions and other media ownership regulations.**

The attached correspondence, which was sent to Chairman Michael Powell and copied to the other FCC Commissioners, was filed by the Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO on behalf of the 14 signatory organizations. The letter pertains to the media ownership rules that were recently stayed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> circuit and it requests that the FCC--should these rules be reconsidered in whole or in part--hold field hearings before any further regulatory action occurs.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Almeida  
President

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